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COUNTY ADOPTS TAHOE AREA PLAN TO SPUR REDEVELOPMENT

December 12, 2012 – TRPA adopted the Regional Plan.

March 2013 – The County and TRPA conducted two public workshops.

April 9 and May 14, 2013 – The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of documents to the Board of Commissioners.

May 16, 2013 – The Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to review and take public comment on SSAP documents.

June 20, 2013 – The Board of Commissioners approved all of the SSAP documents.

June 26, 2013 – TRPA Regional Plan Implementation Committee meeting

August 14th, 2013 – TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting

August 28th, 2013 – TRPA Governing Board meeting

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners approved a new area plan for Lake Tahoe's South Shore on Thursday, June 20, 2013. The Douglas County Area Plan is the first to be proposed since the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) adopted the Regional Plan Update in December 2012.

The core objective of the new plan is to encourage environmental redevelopment of older properties, improve water quality and transform the area into a world class recreation destination. The new plan supports investment in a wide range of recreational opportunities within walking and biking distance of most accommodations in the South Shore.

"We are one environment, one economy and one community at Lake Tahoe," said Steve Mokrohisky, Douglas County Manager. "Our new area plan will allow us to increase open space, restore stream environments, improve transportation and pedestrian access, and upgrade buildings with energy efficient design. The plan is consistent with the new Regional Plan Update and is the result of extensive public engagement with residents, businesses and environmental groups."

The Douglas County Board will also consider an approved a new agreement with TRPA to shift building permit responsibilities to Douglas County. The 2012 updates to the Lake Tahoe Regional Plan include a transition to more permitting by local government agencies through the adoption of area plans. *(Continued on page 2)*



This is an image of what the revitalization and redevelopment of the downtown area could look like.

STATELINE BIKE PATH DEDICATED

Nearly 100 people gathered on Thursday June 20th to celebrate the latest step toward completion of the 30 mile Nevada Stateline to Stateline bikeway that will connect bike segments creating a unified bikeway network encircling Lake Tahoe's 72-mile shoreline. The one-mile, approximately \$2 million, segment of bike path between

Kahle Drive and Elks Point Road opened to the public in October, and has been referred to as "America's Most Beautiful Bikeway."

Speakers at the dedication included Curtis Fong the Founder, CEO & Event Director of TGFT Promotions, LLC / Bike the West,

Alfred E. Knotts, Transportation Projects Manager for Tahoe Transportation District, Joanne Marchetta, Executive Director of Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and Nancy McDermid, Douglas County Commissioner.

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TAHOE AREA PLAN CONTINUED

The plans are developed by the County and members of the public with assistance from the TRPA in an effort to streamline permit processes and reduce barriers to environmentally-beneficial redevelopment and reinvestment.

Douglas County has a strong record of environmental improvement at Lake Tahoe. While 18 percent of the Lake Tahoe shoreline is in Douglas County, only three percent of the fine sediment load that

impacts the clarity of Lake Tahoe originates in Douglas County. Douglas County also has the highest compliance of storm water management property improvements, also known as Best Management Practices, in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Douglas County held two public workshops on the new Area Plan in March. A joint public meeting of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and City of South

Lake Tahoe Council on April 29th included presentations by the County and City on their Area Plans. The Board of Commissioners heard an additional presentation of the new Area Plan at its public meeting on May 16th. Final action is planned to be taken on by Douglas County and TRPA at the following meetings:

- **August 14th, 2013** – TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting
- **August 28th, 2013** – TRPA Governing Board meeting

For information on these meetings contact TRPA at (775) 588-4547.

For more information on the South Shore Area Plan visit www.douglascountynv.gov

STATELINE BIKE PATH DEDICATION CONTINUED



Joanne Marchetta, Executive Director of Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

week. This portion of the bikeway is expected to be completed this fall.

Douglas County and partnering agencies have secured additional funding sources for the project including; Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act Round 8 funds administered by the

Forest Service and Federal Lands Highway Program Funds.

No Douglas County tax dollars have been spent for the construction of this trail.

"It's the first mile, but not the last," Douglas County Commissioner Nancy McDermid said.

Fong spoke about the history of the development of the trail and how many bike riders faced dangers riding their bikes on the road previously.

"It started by having a dream of being able to ride a bike around the lake safely," said Fong. "From there we created America's most beautiful bike ride in Lake Tahoe."

According to Knotts, the next section of the Bikeway, which will extend to Round Hill Pines Beach, is expected to begin construction within the next

Local 4th of July Events

FREEDOM 5K Fun Run & Walk

Registration—Fun Run/Walk
\$25 in advance, \$30 day of event
Dress yourself up in a patriotic costume and show off your American spirit!
Carson Valley Literacy Club will be hosting a "Patriotic Breakfast" - \$8

Yankee Doodle Chalk Artist
July 4, 2013 ★ Heritage Park

Family Fun Event

Carson Valley Arts Council, East Fork Gallery & Carson Valley Literacy Club

For more information: 775.782.0022, www.carsonvalley.org or www.freedomsrunwalk.org

Pops in the Park and BBQ Lunch, Town of Genoa



Each year, the **Genoa Volunteer Fire Department** gears up to sell chicken BBQ meals with all the fixin's as a fundraiser for the **GVFD**. The meal includes 1/2 BBQ chicken, cole slaw, baked potato and dinner roll for \$12. Beverages are sold separately. Tickets are available from the **GVFD**. The Reno Philharmonic Orchestra performs at the Mormon Station Historical State Park.

GENOA TOWN PROJECT NEAR COMPLETION; RIBBON CUTTING JULY 27TH

The Genoa Main Street Enhancement Project is near completion and with the installation of new monument signs, and kiosks the completion of the project has become a visible reality.

"This has been a wonderful example of the strong relationship the Town shares with Douglas County and we are much appreciative of their support of our community," said Dave Whitgob, Chair for the Town of Genoa. "I also want to acknowledge the much valued input we received from the Town's residents, not to mention their tolerating all the dust. Mindful progress is being created in our Town, out of which a wonderful experience will emerge."

The \$1.65 million dollar project known as, "The Genoa Destination Project" included the revitalization of Main Street and the development of the Genoa Vista Trail. Both projects are part of Douglas County's 12 Economic Vitality Projects created to provide a more pedestrian friendly downtown while still preserving Genoa's history.

Construction began March 2013 and businesses remained open despite the dust, noise and inconvenience. Since the Genoa Destination project was initially announced, the town has seen an increase in

new businesses from 13 businesses to 20.

"I am up 28 percent in revenue from last month," said Willy Webb, president of the Greater Genoa Business Association (GGBA.) "I know everyone in GGBA is very excited, and we have all been working together on this project."

The project is looking to be substantially completed by the end of June with the town of Genoa showcasing improvements such as:

- New monument signs at the north and south ends of town
- New kiosk Street signs
- Paver walkways throughout the downtown to help guide visitors from business to business
- 6 utility poles removed with all services placed underground
- New street lights inspired by the original candy dance lights
- Improved parking

A Grand Opening and Celebration is scheduled for July 27th at 10 a.m. and plans are underway for a day of celebrating, food, special business offers and guest speakers.

"Completion of both of these projects is a testament to how dedicated the businesses, the town, the board members and residents are to securing the future vitality of the town of Genoa," said Lisa Granahan, Economic Vitality Manager, Douglas County.



One of the new town signs being installed. The preservation of town history was very important to the project.

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED FOR VALLEY VISION

The idea for the Valley Vision began in the Spring of 2013 when business owners, community leaders and citizens in Douglas County came together to define how the communities in the Carson Valley should evolve over the next 20 to 30 years.

Several topics were discussed such as agriculture, transportation, economic opportunities and the downtown area. Opinions among the participants varied but they were able to agree on one common theme: preserving the natural beauty, culture and heritage

of the valley while encouraging economic opportunities for generations to come.



A visual of downtown Minden near the Arts Council.

The purpose of the Valley Vision is to establish a community dialogue focused on questions for prosperity, conservation, job generation and quality of life serving as a foundation for the Valley's future.

To obtain public input on the Valley Vision the County is hosting a series of public workshops. These workshops are scheduled to be held on July 15th at the Carson Valley Inn :

1st Workshop -10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

2nd Workshop -5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.



DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEVADA

Thank you for taking the time to review the information in our newsletter. We value your opinion - if you have any questions or suggestions to improve the services and information we provide to you, please contact us.

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Douglas County Strategic Plan

Vision

A community to match the scenery!

Mission

Working together with integrity and accountability, the Douglas County team is dedicated to providing essential and cost-effective public services fostering a safe, healthy, scenic, and vibrant community for the enjoyment of our residents and visitors.

Values

Integrity - Accountability - Customer Service - Leadership - Communication - Teamwork

Priorities

Financial Stability

Public Safety

Economic Vitality

Infrastructure

Local 4th of July Events

TOWN OF MINDEN 4TH OF JULY

CELEBRATION

MINDEN PARK

Festivities from 10:00am to 2:00pm
www.townofminden.com

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE FIREWORKS

NBC's Today Show named the The South Lake Tahoe "Lights on the Lake Fireworks" one of the best Fourth of July celebrations in the US, while the American Pyrotechnics Association ranked it one of the top five shows in the country. The celebration begins at 9:45 pm.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the status on the Douglas County Community & Senior Center?

A: Construction mobilization began on June 11 under an approved site improvement permit. Construction plans and documents are 100 percent complete and have been submitted for permits. It is anticipated that the building permit will be issued by the first week of July and that construction on the building will begin on or after July 11, 2013. The Board of County Commissioners will consider approval of the contract for the Waterloo Lane widening project on July 1 with work on the road widening beginning in August. This project is on schedule and within the Board approved budget.

Q: Looks like we are headed for a heat wave for the 4th of July week with expect temperatures to reach forecasted levels above 100. What is Douglas County doing to take extra precautions for fire danger?

We are aware we are in high fire danger situation and our Fire Crews are on high alert. We are encouraging residents to take extra precaution while enjoying the weather outside. The potential for devastating fires during the summer is very real. Report fires to the Sierra Front Inter-agency Fire Dispatch Center, Minden, Nevada, **775-883-5995**, or dial **911**

Have a safe 4th of July!
Please remember for fire safety reasons Douglas County Prohibits the sale, discharge, storage or possession of fireworks!

